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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: MICHAEL KRIEGER

Application 10/731,113



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on February 12, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER

The Examiner's Answer filed on January 22, 2007 does not include the required heading "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" or accompanying statement. According to MPEP § 1207.02:

A) CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINER'S ANSWER.

The examiner's answer is required to include, under appropriate headings, . . . the following item:

(5) *Summary of **>Claimed Subject Matter*. A statement of whether the examiner agrees or disagrees with the summary of claimed subject matter contained in the brief and an explanation of any disagreement.<


Correction is required.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed January 22, 2007;
- 2) to issue a revised Examiner's Answer including all required headings and statements in accordance MPEP § 1207.02; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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